

ROD

Well — I have this friend —

CHRISTMAS EVE

Nicky?

ROD

No, no — another friend. And I think he has a very big problem. I think — I think my friend is

(whispers)

gay.

CHRISTMAS EVE

What wrong with that? You know, Rod, gay people make major contribution to art and philosophy and literature for many hundreds of years, now.

ROD

But my friend isn't an artist — he's a Republican. And an investment banker.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Oh, well, tell him to stay in closet, then. He good for nothing.

A moment.

ROD

(Covering his disappointment)

Well, okay! Great! Thanks for the advice!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Yeah, I wouldn't want a friend like that.

ROD

Thanks again!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Bye, now.

She goes inside.

ROD

Bye bye!

(Beat. To the audience:)

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